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Kindly amend the claims to read as follows:

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(currently amended): A <u>cationic liquid dispersion</u> copolymer derived from-the emulsion polymerization, <u>characterized in that it consists essentially</u> of

(a) a cationic monomer of formula (1),

$$R_{1}-CH=C-C-C-O-\left(-CH_{\frac{1}{2}}\right)_{n}N_{\frac{1}{2}}+R_{4}$$
 (I)

wherein

R₁ is hydrogen or methyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are independently from each other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

n is a integer from 1 - 5, and

Y is a counterion,

and

(b) a monomer of formula (II)

$$R_6 - CH = C - C - N < R_8 \\ R_7$$
 (II)

wherein

R₆ signifies hydrogen or methyl,

R₇ signifies hydrogen or methyl, and

R₈ and R₉ signify independently from each other hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

with the proviso that at least one of the substituents R₆, R₈ and R₉ is

C₁-C₄alkyl,

and

- (c) optionally at least one cross-linking agent, which contains at least two ethylenically unsaturated moieties.
- (currently amended): A copolymer according to Claim 1 characterized in that it consists
 essentially of